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SUBJECT: FIRST SESSION OF PREPCOM OF UN CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT - AGENDA 4:
PROGRAM OF WORK

1. SUMMARY: FROM FEBRUARY 7 TO 10 SPECIAL "FRIENDS OF
THE CHAIRMAN" SUB-GROUPS NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT ON THE
PROGRAM OF WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE.
IT HAS BEEN AGREED THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE NATIONAL PAPER,
TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY, 1978, DISCUSSED BY THE REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS IN JUNE AND JULY, AND SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM
II WHICH WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER, 1978. FIVE SUBJECT
AREAS PER REGION WILL BE SELECTED BY REGIONAL COMMISSION
MEETINGS TO BE HELD LATER IN 1977 AND CONSIDERED BY PREP-
COM PORTION (ONE WEEK) OF THE FOURTH REGULAR CONFERENCE
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CSTD IV) TO BE HELD IN JANUARY-
FEBRUARY, 1978. PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR SECRETARY
GENERAL AND HIS STAFF TO ATTEND AN "INTER-REGIONAL " (I.E.
G-77) MEETING, IF HELD, AND FOR CONFERENCE TO GIVE CONSID-
ERATION TO VIEWS OF REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL GROUPS MEETING
OUTSIDE UN FORA. TEXT OF DRAFT APPROVED BY WORKING GROUP
AS A WHOLE (BUT WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

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NO AFFECTING ITS SUBSTANCE) IS REPEATED BELOW. PLENARY
WILL PASS ON TEXT TOMORROW. END SUMMARY.

2. THE AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF WORK WAS
PASSED TO A SPECIAL "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" GROUP OF 16
NATIONS. CANADA, SPAIN, THE UK, AND BELGIUM REPRESENTED
WEO'S. AS G-77 POSITION FAVORING A SINGLE PAPER SOLIDIFIED,

THE CONTENTION AMONG WEO'S BETWEEN PARTISANS OF DOCUMENTS E/C.8/47 (THE UN SECRETARIAT'S TIMETABLE PROPOSAL) AND E/C.8/L.74(DA COSTA PROPOSAL) QUICKLY SUBSUMED INTO LARGER DEBATE COENTERING ON SUBJECT AREAS. AS TEXT BELOW INDICATES, FIVE SUBJECT AREAS WILL BE DETERMINED BY EACH REGIONAL MEETING AND BE SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM PORTION OF CSTD IV FOR "CONSIDERATION" (BOILING DOWN TO MAXIMUM OF FIVE). DESPITE EFFORTS OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS AND USSR, A REQUIREMENT FOR NATIONAL OUTLINES OR SUMMARIES JUSTIFYING SUBJECTS WHICH NATIONS PROPOSE AT THE 1977 REGIONAL MEETINGS WAS REJECTED BY THE G-77. WHEN THE DOCUMENT COMES BEFORE THE WORKING GROUP, WE WILL URGED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS PROVIDE THE CONFERENCE WITH A BRIEF TEXT EXPLAINING THE RATIONALE FOR THEIR CHOICES.

3. PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE TEXT REPRESENTS COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WORKED OUT BY US, UK, AND SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE LATIN FEARS THAT THEY WOULD BE INADEQUATELY REPRESENTED BY ECLA AS A REGIONAL ORGAN. TEXT PERMITS THEM TO MEET IN SELA FRAMEWORK (AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE) IF THEY DESIRE AND SUBMIT RESULTS OF MEETINGS AS PART OF PREPARATORY PROCESS.

4. PARAGRAPH 10 REPRESENTS COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY INDIA, AND ACCEPTED BY UK AND CANADA, AS MEANS OF DEFLECTING G-77 PRESSURE FOR UN-FINANCED G-77 "INTER-REGIONAL MEETING." NO OTHER WESTERN DELEGATION OPPOSED THIS, IN "FRIENDS" GROUP OR IN FULL WORKING GROUP. U.S. DELEGATION PLANS TO ACCEPT TEXT, WITH BRIEF STATEMENT REITERATING OUR POSITION ON UN UNCLASSIFIED

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FINANCING OF "LIMITED ACCESS MEETINGS."

QUOTETHE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AT ITS MEETING DECIDES:

A. NATIONAL PAPERS

1. TO REQUEST MEMBER STATES TO PREPARE NATIONAL PAPERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES (TO BE AGREED UPON). THE NATIONAL PAPERS WILL INCLUDE AN IDENTIFICATION OF GOALS, POLICIES, PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS DEALING WITH THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE.
2. THAT THE NATIONAL PAPERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT BY 1 MAY 1978.
3. THAT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, SHOULD; AT THE REQUEST OF GOVERNMENTS, PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS.
4. THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE

DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 1977 AND
APRIL 1978.

B. REGIONAL MEETINGS AND PAPERS

5. THAT IN THE COURSE OF 1977, THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, SHOULD ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS WITH THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS. EACH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSION WILL CONVENE A MEETING TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS AND, ON THE BASIS OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) SUBJECT AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1978.

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6. EACH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSION WILL CONVENE A MEETING IN JUNE/JULY 1978 TO REVIEW NATIONAL PAPERS IN ORDER TO PREPARE REGIONAL PAPERS WHICH WILL DEAL WITH POLICIES, PLANS OF ACTION RELATED TO PROBLEMS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE, BEARING IN MIND, WHENEVER APPROPRIATE, SUBJECT AREAS. THE REGIONAL PAPER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1978.

7. THAT SHOULD GOVERNMENTS OF A REGION DECIDE, ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT, ALSO TO CONVENE REGIONAL, SUBREGIONAL MEETINGS OR OTHER FORUMS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6, THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS INPUTS AT THE APPROPRIATE STAGES IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESS OF

THE CONFERENCE.

C. INPUTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

8. TO INVITE THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUBMIT RESPECTIVELY AN OVERVIEW PAPER THAT WILL DESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES HAVE LINKED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THESE PAPERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1 MAY 1978 AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND SESSION.

9. TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TO PREPARE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WHICH WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES, A REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH CONFERENCES, HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

D. INTERREGIONAL MEETINGS

10. THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY MEET ON AN INTERREGIONAL LEVEL DURING THE LATER STAGES OF THE PREPARATORY PROCESS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AND HIS STAFF SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING.

E. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

11. TO INVITE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE PAPERS ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 10 OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2028 (LXI).

F. DOCUMENTATION

12. THAT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING: NATIONAL PAPERS, REGIONAL PAPERS, BACKGROUND PAPERS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND DOCUMENTS ON EACH OF THE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING A PLAN OF ACTION.

13. TO REQUEST TO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TO SUBMIT A DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 1979.

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G. CHRONOLOGY OF PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE

14. ON THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY OF PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE:

DATE	ACTIVITIES
FEBRUARY 1977-APRIL 1978	PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS. EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION FROM THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT WILL BEGIN AS OF APRIL 1977.
JUNE-DECEMBER, 1977	REGIONAL COMMISSION MEETINGS
FEBRUARY, 1978	MEETINGS OF THE CSTD
1 MAY 1978	DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL PAPERS TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.
19JUNE-28 JULY 1978	REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS.
31 JULY - 11 AUGUST, 1978	ACASTD MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 1978 (A DURATION OF TWO WEEKS)	SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT.
SEPTEMBER 1978 TO 31 JANUARY 1979	PREPARATION BY THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT OF THE FIRST DRAFT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT ITS

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THIRD SESSION.

FEBRUARY 1979 (A DURATION OF TWO WEEKS)	THIRD SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
15 FEBRUARY-30JUNE 1979	PREPARATION AND REPRODUCTION OF FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE

CONFERENCE.

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